REMARKS

Claims 1-10 have been rejected under 35 USC 102(b) as anticipated by Shastry. The rejection is respectfully traversed.

Referring to Claim 1

Shastry discloses a method of creating and accessing value tables in a telecommunication service creation and execution environment. In particular, a method for producing a "general service specification" (GSS) for telecommunications services is disclosed. In this regard, a service provider will distinguish among three classes of functions (cf. Shastry, column 15, line 50, through column 16, line 5): 1. Permissible functions; 2. Mandatory functions; and 3. Restricted functions

Shastry, in figure 11 and in column 17, lines 20 through 33, discloses how a "general service specification" (GSS) is produced: First a name is given to the GSS, and then a description of the GSS is input into a corresponding input field. The next step is to define and list at least one "required node." Subsequently at least one "optional node" is defined and listed. Finally, the GSS is saved in a database and "enabled." This completes the process for producing the GSS. Finally a "call processing record" (CPR) is assigned to the GSS (cf. Shastry, column 17, lines 1 through 19).

Shastry fails to disclose "abstracting and classifying the requirements into a corresponding number of classes" as required by the claimed invention. Rather, only three classes of functions are known from Shastry, namely "permissible functions," "mandatory functions," and "restricted functions." In the case of Shastry, only functions have been classified into the three function classes. "Classifying the requirements into a corresponding number of classes" does not occur in Shastry. Additionally, no "abstracting the requirements" takes place with Shastry, nor is "subdividing the individual classes into at least one subclass" known from Shastry. Shastry, ay column 17, lines 1 through 19, only discloses "a ... CPR may be associated with the GSS." In the case of Shastry, the "call processing record" is thus assigned to the "general service specification." Neither the CPR nor the GSS is a "subclass" as defined by the claimed invention.

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<u>Referring to Claim 4</u>

Shastry, at column 18, line 45, through column 19, line 46, discloses a system having a catalog of "action nodes," namely, Assignment nodes, Network nodes, and Control nodes. In the case of Shastry, so-called "billing nodes" also belong to the "assignment nodes."

However, Shastry fails to disclose: "A system ... comprising: a first catalog of classes[,] in which each requirement can be associated with one class; and a second catalog of technical functional units[,] in which each class is associated with one or more specific technical functional units." Specifically, the catalog of "action nodes" disclosed in Shastry is not a "catalog of classes[,] in which each requirement can be associated with one class" because assigning each "requirement" to an "action node" is not disclosed.

Even *assuming arguendo* the catalog of "action nodes" as a "second catalog of technical functional units," then the following would not be known from Shastry: "a second catalog of technical functional units[,] <u>in which each class is associated with one or more specific technical functional units</u>."

Since the recited method and structure are disclosed by the applied prior art, claims 1 and 4 are patentable. Claims 2-3 and 5-10 depend from claims 1 and 4, respectively, the claims are similarly patentable.

In view of the above, each of the presently pending claims in this application is believed to be in immediate condition for allowance. Accordingly, the Examiner is respectfully requested to withdraw the outstanding rejection of the claims and to pass this application to issue. If it is determined that a telephone conference would expedite the prosecution of this application, the Examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned at the number given below.
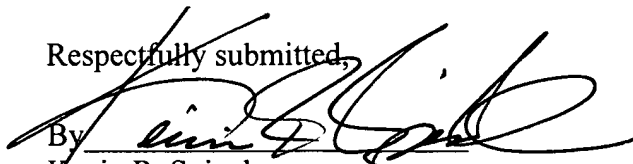
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